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## Timothy Webb of Newbury Wins Statewide Spelling Bee

**MONTPELIER** – Timothy Webb of Newbury, a sixth-grade homeschool student representing Newbury Elementary, beat out 44 other local spelling bee champions to win first place in the Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee, the Department of Education announced today.

Students from across Vermont competed at the Theater at St. Michael's College in Colchester on Wednesday. Mael Le Scouezec of Craftsbury Academy came in second and Ezekiel Benshirim of Williston Central School came in third. Champion Webb will now compete in the Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington. D.C. in May.

The bee was sponsored by the Vermont Principals Association, the Vermont Department of Education, the Vermont Humanities Council and the Burlington Free Press. Additional sponsors will aid in funding the trip to Washington for Webb and his family.

Adam Silverman of the Burlington Free Press served as pronouncer for the event. Commissioner Armando Vilaseca was on hand to present the awards.

For more information, contact Jill Remick at the Department of Education at (802) 828-3154, or Bob Johnson at the Vermont Principals Association at (802) 229-0547.

Following is a list of all the regional winners who competed in the statewide bee.

## Regional Winners Who Competed in the Statewide Bee

Albany Community School Albert D. Lawton School Barre City School Barre Town School Bennington Elementary Blue Mtn Jr High **Bridport Central School Brighton Elementary** Browns River Middle Camels Hump Middle School Charlotte Central School Craftsbury School Crossett Brook School Danville School **Edmunds Middle School** Fletcher Elementary School Flood Brook School Glover Community School Harwood Middle School Lyman C. Hunt Middle Main Street Middle School Missisquoi Valley Middle Molly Stark Elementary Monument Elementary Mt. Anthony Middle School Newbury Elementary Newfane Elementary School Otter Valley Jr High School Proctor Jr. High School Richford Elementary Riverside Day School Rutland Intermediate School Shelburne Community School South Royalton School St. Marys School Stevens School Stockbridge Central School Stowe Middle School Swanton Elementary School **Tunbridge Central School** Walden School Wallingford Elementary Waterford School Windsor State Street School

**Gratia Rowell** Cheshta Singh Cody Fisher William McWhinney Connor Tilley **Taylor Lamberton** Tor Bright Alexander Cope Sam Lewis Marissa Kelemen Abigail Postlewaite Mael Lescouezec Evan Hoffman Shaylyn Clancy Eleanor Eagan Caleb Weis Jenna D'Olivo Caroline Lawlor Sophie Rayfield Amanda Schwartz Laura Mears **Taylor Marquis Brody Farnum Austin Cobb** Keara Sternberg Timothy Webb Meghan Grip Christopher Keyes Ardra Landon Jessie Clowes **Evan Tirey** Maricate Mangan Hila Saxe David Manning Ballou Sebastian Huber Ploypailin Intarawut Robin Goodwin Sam Reed Ryan Marquis Andy Ruddell Ashlynn Doyon Eli Burch Daniel Sattelberger Karen Fan Ezekiel Benshirim

Williston Central School